

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BANGKO 14861 070909Z

ACTION EA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AS-01 DHA-02 DEAE-00 CIAE-00 INR-07

IO-13 JUSE-00 NSAE-00 SNM-02 TRSE-00 USIA-06

NSC-05 OES-07 OMB-01 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01 L-03

PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 /081 W

-----083449 070939Z /20

R 070820Z JUL 77

FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3960

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BANGKOK 14861

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: SHUM, PINT, TH

SUBJ: RTG TO RELEASE APPROXIMATELY 600 DETAINEES HELD UNDER

NARC ORDER 22

1. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT THAWI CHUSAP TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER JULY 6 THAT RTG PLANS TO RELEASE APPROXIMATELY 600 PERSONS DETAINED UNDER NARC ORDER 22 ON JULY 10. THAWI ESTIMATED PRESENT NUMBER OF ORDER 22 DETAINEES AT 1,600. (ARRESTS ARE STILL BEING MADE UNDER THIS ORDER, AND TOTAL NUMBER FLUCTUATES UP AND DOWN). HE SAID THERE ARE 129 PERSONS BEING HELD IN THE BANGKOK AREA, 44 OF WHOM ARE SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ON JULY 10. PRECISE FIGURES ON THOSE HELD FROM OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN BANGKOK ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE TO HIM.

2. UNDER PRECEDURES ESTABLISHED BY NARC ORDER 22 PERSONS SUSPECTED OF ENDANGERING THAI SOCIETY CAN BE ARRESTED AND DETAINED IN REFORM CENTERS ON ORDERS FROM THE POLICE COMMISSIONERS IN BANGKOK OR BY ANY OF THE 72 PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS. ACCORDING TO THAWI, INDIVIDUAL CASES ARE REVIEWED BY THE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT EVERY 30 DAYS TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT REASON TO KEEP SUSPECTS UNDER DETENTION. THE MOST RECENT, EXACT FIGURES AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY DATE FROM MAY 11 WHEN, FOLLOWING THR RELEASE OF 613 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BANGKO 14861 070909Z

DETAINEES, THE NUMBER OF PERSONS HELD UNDER ORDER 22 STOOD AT 1,108. EMBASSY EXPECTS TO RECEIVE UPDATED COUNT OF ORDER 22 DETAINEES DURING WEEK OF JULY 10.

3. IN AN ATTEMPT TO DISTINGUISH BEHAVIOR FROM ACTION, CORRECTIONS CHIEF THAWI EXPLAINED THAT NARC ORDER 22 WAS APPLIED AGAINST PERSONS WHO BEHAVED IMPROPERLY, WHILE THE THAI CRIMINAL CODE WAS

DESIGNED TO DEAL WITH THOSE WHO COMMITTED ILLEGAL ACTS. ORDER 22 LISTS NINE CATEGORIES OF IMPROPER BEHAVIOR: 1) INTIMIDATION 2) VAGRANCY 3) IMMORALITY 4) TRADING OR AMASSING ILLEGAL ARMS 5) INSTIGATING UNREST 6) ADVOCATING POLITICAL SYSTEMS OTHER THAN THE CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY 7) ESTABLISHING GAMBLING DENS OR BROTHELS 8) HOARDING GOODS AND PROFITEERING 9) STRIKES AND ILLEGAL TERMINATIONS OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS.

4. OF THE NINE CATEGORIES, POINTS FIVE, SIX AND NINE BEAR MOST DIRECTLY ON POLITICAL BEHAVIOR. THAWI SAID THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE APPROXIMATELY 1,600 PERSONS PRESENTLY BEING DETAINED UNDER ORDER 22 WERE CRIMINAL ELEMENTS WHOSE OFFENSES WERE NOT RPT. NOT RELATED TO POLITICS AND WHO WERE IN NO SENSE POLITICAL PRISONERS. THE THAI CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT PROMISED TO FURNISH THE EMBASSY WITH A BREAKDOWN OF ORDER 22 DETAINEES BY CATEGORY AS SOON AS FIGURES BECOME AVAILABLE.
WHITEHOUSE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DRUG CONTROL, LAW, PRISONERS RELEASE, POLITICAL PRISONERS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 07-Jul-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977BANGKO14861
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770241-0024
Format: TEL
From: BANGKOK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770785/aaaacvma.tel
Line Count: 79
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: e45b3570-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12-Jan-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1944046
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: RTG TO RELEASE APPROXIMATELY 600 DETAINEES HELD UNDER NARC ORDER 22
TAGS: SHUM, PINT, TH
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/e45b3570-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009